

Prayer Diary

As part of the Church family you may like to ask for prayer for someone or for yourself and this could be included in the prayer diary. The pastoral link for the diary is Diane Harding, 01825 722113. We will only include someone's name in the prayer diary if they have given permission for us to remember them in our prayers.

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father in heaven may also forgive your trespasses... Mark 11 v. 25.

SUNDAY

Give thanks that we are free to meet together freely today, and let us pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ who do not enjoy that freedom. Pray especially for Tom and Mark as they lead the services today, that the words may fall on "good soil".

MONDAY

Give thanks for Alan and Sue and pray for them as they meet with Mark this morning, and for the meeting for IDWAL this afternoon. Also, give thanks for Clive and those involved in the annexe project and pray for the continuing journey that funds may soon be granted and that the work can begin.

TUESDAY

Please pray today for the Social Club, for all the people who meet there, and the Film Club discussion that meets tonight and for the Alpha Course that begins on the 2nd of March.

WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday... Please come and pray in the church today if you can, if not, do join in wherever you are today where possible. Pray for the period of Lent that, like Jesus it may be a time of personal spiritual growth and strengthening.

THURSDAY

Let us pray for all those who have connection with St Augustine's, whether through school, social club, youth group or just friendships. We especially remember those who attend the Welcome Drinks at the vicarage this evening.

FRIDAY

These three... Faith, Hope and Love, the Lent course. Pray about which Lent course to attend and ask God to prepare our hearts to be open to His Spirit, reminding ourselves of the value of these three graces in our daily lives.

SATURDAY

Father, we thank you for prayer and how it ushers us in to perpetual communion with the heart of God, the one who delights to give and forgive. May we delight your heart with our readiness to give and forgive.

Amen

The Sunday next before Lent (Quinquagesima)

Sunday 22nd February 2009

St Augustine's Newsletter

Today's Services

8.00 am Holy Communion
Speaker: Tom Robson

9.30 am Parish Communion
with Children's Church
Please stay for refreshments afterwards

Today's Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12; Page 353

2 Corinthians 4:3-6; Page 1096

Mark 9:2-9 Page 956

This Week's Services & Events

Monday 23rd

9.30 am Wardens' Meeting
2.00 pm IDWAL
3.00 pm FEAST, School

Tuesday 24th

7.30 pm Film Club Discussion

Wednesday 25th – ASH WEDNESDAY

8.00 am
to 8.00 pm Church open for prayer
9.00 am School Assembly
10.30 am Ash Wednesday Holy Communion
8.00 pm Home Group, Heather Place

Thursday 26th

NO HOLY COMMUNION
7.30 pm Welcome Drinks at the Vicarage

Friday 27th

7.30 pm Youth Group

Sunday 1st – Lent 1 (St David's Day)

8.00 am Holy Communion
9.30 am Parish Communion
11.00 am All Age Worship

Names to be Remembered

*Brian Crossley
John Parker
Eileen Gibb*

Notices

Women's Breakfast

Thank you to Cameo at All Saints, Lindfield for kindly inviting us to join them for breakfast yesterday. Also a big thank you Julie Sear for her extremely interesting and very insightful talk.

Welcome Drinks

There will be welcome drinks at the Vicarage on Thursday 26th February at 7.30 pm. If you have started worshipping with us recently and would like to come along, please let Sue know on 831234.

Ash Wednesday: Special Day of Prayer

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have called for Ash Wednesday to be a special day of prayer for Zimbabwe. The Bishop of Chichester has also called for parishes to use the day as a special day of prayer for repentance and intercession, for our nation in light of the financial crisis. The church will be open from 8.00am until 8.00pm on Ash Wednesday and I invite parishioners to come in and spend some time in prayer for both these important concerns. There will be the usual Ash Wednesday service at 10.30am. Prayer cards will be available in Church throughout the day. Please do make some time available to pray for our nation and Zimbabwe.

Lent Courses

As well as Alpha there will be a daytime and an evening course during Lent. The daytime course will begin on Tuesday 3rd March at 2.00 pm in the Vicarage. The evening course will be at Heather Place on Wednesdays (beginning on 4th March) at 8.00pm. The course is called "These three... Faith, Hope and Love" and is based on the three great qualities celebrated in 1 Corinthians 13. This famous passage begins and ends in majestic prose. but the middle paragraph is practical and demanding. St Paul's thirteen verses take us to the heart of what it means to be a Christian. Please sign the list at the back of church if you wish to come along to one of the courses.

Alpha Course

We are commencing an Alpha Course on Monday 2nd March at Scaynes Hill Club, to be held weekly for 8 to 10 weeks. This course is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the claims of Jesus Christ, to discuss and ask any questions concerning the Christian faith in an informal setting and to enjoy a meal together. Over two million people have been through an Alpha course in the UK, and the feedback has been positive in thousands of lives. If you would like to come, please put your name on the list at the back of the church. If you have any questions or need transport, phone Mark Payne or Mike on 01825 722113.

Notices

Brother Angelo

We understand that Brother Angelo will be moving into Terry's Cross retirement home for the clergy, which is in Henfield. This wonderful news means that we will still see Brother Angelo from time to time.

Nestlé Books for Schools & Sainsbury's Active Kids

St Augustine's school are collecting these tokens again this year. There is a box at the back of church and our school would be very grateful if we were able to donate any tokens collected.

Organ

The work to replace the organ's bellows and blower is now in progress and will take another four weeks. During this time we will be using the piano.

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Newsletter

The next newsletter will go to print on **Thursday 26th February** this week. If you have any items that you wish to include, please could you email them to me at:

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or ring them through on 01444 831431.

Many thanks
Debbie